

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 2-6, 10, 13, 14 and 16 are amended, claim 22 is added. Accordingly, claims 2-22 are pending in this application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Office Action indicates that claims 19-21 are allowed, and claims 7-14 include allowable subject matter.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§102(b) and 103(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 15, 16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Japanese Patent Application Publication No. JP 2002/0060756 to Kurashina, and rejects claims 4 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kurashina.

Kurashina does not disclose, teach or suggest an electro-optical device including "one of a pair of electrodes forming the storage capacitor being formed of a multi-layered film containing a low resistance film," as recited in independent claims 15, 16 and 18.

Kurashina teaches, in Fig. 7, an electro-optical device including data lines 6a, scanning lines 3a, pixel electrode 9a, a thin film transistor 30, a storage capacitor 70-3, and an embedded light-shielding film 420 disposed between the data line 6a and the pixel electrode 9a. Kurashina teaches that the storage capacitor 70-3 includes island barrier layers 403a, 404b forming a pixel-potential capacitive electrode and includes island barrier layers 403b, 404a forming a fixed-potential capacitive electrode. See Fig. 7, and paragraph [0144]. Because the island barrier layers 403a, 403b, 404a, 404b are single layered films, Kurashina cannot reasonably be considered to teach or suggest that any of the island barrier layers 403a, 403b, 404a, 404b are multi-layered films.

In the electro-optical device of independent claims 15, 16 and 18, one of the electrodes forming the storage capacitor is a multi-layered film containing a low resistance

films. See paragraphs [0010]-[0011] of the specification. As a result, functions of the electrode may be improved such as achieving higher electric conductivity. See paragraphs [0012], [0126] and [0127]. Kurashina does not teach or suggest such features or provide such advantages.

For at least the reasons discussed above, claims 15, 16 and 18 are patentable over Kurashina. Claims 2-6 and 17 depend from claim 15, and thus also are patentable over Kurashina for at least the reasons set forth above, as well as for the additional features they recite. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

New claim 22 also recites storage capacitors including a pair of electrodes, at least one of the electrodes being formed of a multi-layered film. Therefore, claim 22 is also patentable over Kurashina for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claims 15, 16 and 18, as well as for the additional features it recites.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 2-22 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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